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### SHORT COMMUNICATION

**The oak bush cricket (*Meconema thalassinum* Deg.) in a Cheltenham garden.**— Since 1979 I have regularly noted this species, mainly in August. In the garden there are several oaks, with others in the neighbourhood. Most of the insects, however, occurred on a pyracantha growing against the house, which they also occasionally entered. Dates of observation were: 23.viii.79 onwards, several insects on pyracantha; 15.viii.82, one female on pyracantha; 22.viii.83, male and female respectively seen in garden around this date; 31.viii.87, 31.vii.89, 9.viii.89, several insects of both sexes noted at or near pyracantha.—H. Heyworth, 20 Bournside Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 5AH.